

## **MINUTES**

### **STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC)**

November 13, 2007

Meeting No. 56

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Bordenave, Nancy Fahringer, Linda Morales, Larry Roberts, E. Linwood Smith, Jeff Stanley, William Zimmerman, Lori Jones Woods, John Wallace

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jeff Blau, John Parker, Robert Smolinsky, John Wise

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Frank Sousa, Karen Rahn, Jim Vogelsberg, Yash Desai, Wayne Scheibe, Jeff Altschul, Janice Hughes, Erin Loudermilk, Greg Shinn, Meron Kidane, Beryl Baker, Ann Audrey, Patricia Gehlen, Jim DuBois

#### **AGENDA ITEM 1 - CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 11:34 a.m.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 2 - INTRODUCTIONS**

Members of the SAC introduced themselves.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF SAC MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2007**

E. Linwood Smith pointed out an error in the attendance at the last meeting. Linda Morales moved to approve the minutes of October 9, 2007 as corrected. Bill Zimmerman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4 – QUERY TO THE AUDIENCE**

There were no comments.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5 – WASH APPLICATION-PARKING LOT AT 6080 E. BELLEVUE ON ALAMO WASH**

Jim Vogelsberg, Development Services Department, gave a brief overview of the application which includes the development of a 0.47 acre parking area. The Alamo Wash runs northward through the eastern portion of the site and is designated as a WASH wash. There is proposed development within the 50-foot study area. Lori Jones Woods questioned a notation on the plat designating the removal of a Mexican Palo Verde trees.

After some discussion, a motion was made by E. Linwood Smith to approve the application. Lori Jones Woods seconded the motion with a suggestion that the symbols for tree removal be clarified. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6 – WASH APPLICATION – HAMPTON INN ON ALAMO WASH**

Jim Vogelsberg explained that the applicant proposes to construct a hotel together with associated parking and recreation facilities. The Alamo Wash runs westward along the southern property line and is designated as a WASH wash. The proposed development would encroach into the 50-foot study area and within the 100-year floodplain. After some discussion, John Wallace moved to approve the application as submitted. E. Linwood Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7 – FEMA LEVEE CERTIFICATION PROCESS**

Bill Zimmerman gave a brief overview of the County's participation in the FEMA Levee Certification Process.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 8 – REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS**

##### Member/Ward Updates

John Bordenave - handed out information on the California School Garden Network and the lessons that children can learn from such a program. He also handed out his commentary on recent news articles concerning water conservation.

Lori Jones Woods - stated that Congress has passed the Water Resource Development Act.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 9 – CALL TO THE AUDIENCE**

Beryl Baker thanked members of the SAC for the letter asking that the City and County look into erosion problems at the West Bank of the Santa Cruz. She expressed concerns that no action would be taken. Members of the SAC recommended that an update be given at the December meeting.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 10 – FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The next SAC meeting is set for Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at 11:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Joel Valdez Main Library, Lower Level (LL1) Meeting Room.

Suggestions for future agenda items included the future staffing of the Stormwater Section and expiration of terms of some SAC members.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 11 – ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m. on a motion by Lori Jones Woods, seconded by E. Linwood Smith.